

Star Parking Garage  
1006 E. Street  
Washington  
District of Columbia

HABS No. DC-483

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STATE District of Columbia		COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Star Parking Garage			HABS NO. DC-483
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1006 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Square 348, Lot 815.			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1940		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Located in the Pennsylvania Avenue Historic District, the Star Parking Garage is a successful structure distinguished by its fine Moderne detailing. Although there is a considerable variation in design and scale in this square, the Star Parking Garage anchors the corner and makes a positive statement for mid-20th Century design.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Moderne			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Walls are pre-cast concrete with limestone panels. Trim is stone lattice screen with an asterick design. Floors are reinforced concrete.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 1006 E Street is rectangular in shape, four levels above ground, with six-and-one-half bays on Tenth Street and four bays on E Street.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The Star Parking Garage is located on a corner lot with six-and-one-half bays on Tenth Street and four bays on E Street. A restaurant is located in the northeast corner of the building on the first level. The remainder of the structure functions as a parking garage. (see attached)			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The garage itself is fully open space, regularly divided by structural piers with mushroom capitals. An elevator is located along the east wall. At the northeast corner of the structure is the Rustler Steakhouse, which is a rectangular closed-in area with an entrance at the chamfered corner of the show windows. (see attached)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES No permits are on file for the parking garage. The restaurant appears to be an addition which required closing walls in the northeast portion of the structure and constructing show windows along Tenth and E Streets. The remainder of the building is unchanged.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE The parking garage is still utilized for its original function and the Rustler Steakhouse occupies the northeast corner of the building. No structural problems are evident.			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE  See also DC-493 (SQUARE 348) for additional information.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds; General Assessment Records, Tax Records and D.C. Building Permits, National Archives; Baist's Atlas of Washington, Martin Luther King Library, Washingtoniana Room, Washington, D.C.			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION W.F. Hunter, Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation			DATE February 1981

Exterior Features of Note (cont'd)

On the Tenth Street facade is a centered entrance to the parking garage. The lintel of the entrance has stenciled cut-out letters saying "Star Parking", with one star over each sidewall of the entrance. The lintel is supported by a variation on the pilaster with the "capital" consisting of horizontally stepped limestone pieces.

To the north of this entrance, in the next bay, is a steel and glass entrance with two flanking show windows. Adjacent to this and continuing to the corner of E Street and Tenth Street is a projecting show window with a rectangular sign for the Rustler Steak House. This show window continues on the E Street facade on the first two bays (half of the facade). At the last bay is an entrance to the parking garage identical to the entrance on Tenth Street.

The Tenth Street facade of the Star Parking Garage accommodates the southward slope of the ground with an additional visible story in the south half of the structure. The first bay-and-a-half at this end are stepped down at the roofline level. The entire facade is composed of stone lattice screens with bays and half-bays delineated by plain panels.

A rhythmic pattern for the panels on this facade could be expressed in A B A C B B A B A, with "A" being one-half bays, "B" full bays, and "C" the elevator shaft. This elevator shaft is enclosed by vertically stepped panels and is horizontally stepped at the roofline. In the center is a vertically-grilled opening with a projecting hood over this opening. An exterior HVAC duct is located at the extreme north (right) of the Tenth Street entrance to the parking garage.

The E Street facade is four "B" (full) bays wide with three apparent levels; the roof level is used for parking. On the west (right) of the entrance is a relief panel saying "Erected By The Evening Star Newspaper Company". Directly above this entrance is a vertical neon sign saying "Park".

The west wall of the parking garage, which is adjacent to a vacant lot, encloses only the first floor. Upper floors are open with metal railings attached to the reinforced concrete floors.

Interior Features of Note (cont'd)

Kitchens are located along the south walls of the restaurant.